key is the most profound mystery of our time. Some of us have seen him. We know his origin and history, we have studied his rule in his own capital, we are acquainted with the facts of his reign, and we have questioned the few men who, during recent years, have talked intimately with him face to face. But all this affords no clue to the mystery. Here is an Asiatic, first a debauchee and later a religious famatic; who has hardly seen a civilized city or had a civilized man for his friend; who lives in the strictest seclufearing instant assassination;



of God upon carth, emperor and sovereign lord of the White sea and the



man call him "the bastard," and tell good with the same that are volumed to the summer of the summer

To do the sultan justice, he is a very hard working man. His ministers and creatures are liable to be summoned to Yildiz at any hour of the day or

Would be passed by the crowds, among whom assassins might hurk. At Yildix he is far from the dangerous waters which have drowned so many of those which have drowned and the passed of those passed by the dangerous which they know to be urgent. The half have drowned so many of those which have drowned so many of those which have drowned so many of those which have drowned to many the half of the passed of the surface, when I was last in Constant the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last in the was last in Constant to the was last in the was last i THE SULTAN'S FOUR CONSELLORS.

There are four people in the Turkish empire with whom the sultan takes counsel. They are, first, Oeman Pasha, of whom I have already spoken, and who sits in the same carriage as his master when the latter is driven, at every Friday's selamlik, 20 yards from the palace when the latter is driven, at every Friday's selamilis, 300 yards from the palace gate to the private mosque for prayer, a 300 troops fill the streets all around and rend the air with two savage simultaneous shouts of welcome. The second is Hassan Pasha minister of martine, who has shared with the suitan the peculations which have reduced the once line Turkish fleet to a mass of rusting iron and rotting wood, unable ever again to leave its moorings in the Golden Horn. The third is his own body servant, a man of the lovest exifaction. The fourth is his private molish or priest, a creature of the profoundest ignorance and fanaticism. And the two latter are far more influential than the two former. If to these be added the name of "His Excellency, Yefen Agha, Chief Eunuch," there is noloody else in the whole Turkish empire who counts. I must pay this man the compliment of saying that he is the most repulsive object in human shape that I have ever set eyes upon. At the

Dumb Company That He Kept.

PARIS, Jan. 16.-Parislans love to eat

THE FLOWER

MARIS OF PARIS

for improving the flowers and making their appearance still more beautiful when in a bouquet. When are used for lengthening the stems, and dampened most wound tightly around them preserves their bloom for a long time, but let me whisper these further side to beauty. Often the flowers are made gred to look at by having the stems dipped in water in which a little ammonia 1-sa been dissolved. The quality which disappears first is the perfume, and this has a bad habit of literally flying away, but it is remedied by giving the bloosoms a supplied in a decreasing order with a little givering. It is needless to say that this perfume will sead by a bouquet until the end.

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JACK TALS OF OTHER DAYS.

new peas in January, birds in the sea-son prohibited by the game laws, and any full-rigged ship were necessarily pears before the coming of the spring- athletes. The "upper yardmen" in linetime. Doubtless this is the reason why
they care so much more for the flowers
of the winter than for the same blossoms in the summer.

Attricts the optimization of frights were exceptional men in this way, and much more
so, perhaps, just about the time that soms in the summer.

A stranger need not be astonished, sail power was receiving its death wartherefore, who visits Paris at Christman rant than ever before. These young time, to see the streets literally abloom | men had to race aloft to nearly the





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